**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department - Diversion of 0.99 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.99 of Oduru RF, Kadivedu Beat, Naidupet Range, Tirupati Division, for formation of road from KM 123/4 NH-5 (Patragunta) to Punapavaripalem in Chilkur Mandal, Tirupati District, in favour of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Nellore – Permission accorded – Orders – Issued.

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**ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.MS.No. 59** **Dated: 25-08-2025**
**Read the following:-**

1)The GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, issued guidelines in Lr.F.No.5-2/2017-FC, dated 28.03.2019.
2)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/22/2023-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated 14.12.2023.
3)G.O.Ms.No.3, EFS&T(Sec.II) Department, dated 04.01.2024.
4)G.O.Ms.No.5, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.II) Dept., dated 23.01.2024.
5)State Govt. Letter No.2837/Sec.II/2023/2303064, dated 23.01.2024.
6)From the GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, online proposal No.FP/AP/ROAD/452372/2023, dated 22.02.2024.
7)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15034/22/2023-FCA-1, dated 22.05.2025.
8)State Govt. Lr.No.2837/Sec.II/2023/2303064, dated 29.05.2025.
9)From the GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, online proposal No.FP/AP/ROAD/452372/2023, dated 06.08.2025.

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**ORDER:**

In the letter 2nd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a statutory proforma proposal for taking necessary action in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi, in the reference 1st cited, for the diversion of 0.99 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.99 of Oduru RF, Kadivedu Beat, Naidupet Range, Tirupati Division, for formation of road from KM 123/4 NH-5 (Patragunta) to Punapavaripalem in Chilkur Mandal, Tirupati District, in favour of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Nellore.

2. In the G.O.3rd read above, in-principle approval was granted, in accordance with the powers delegated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi, as per the reference 1st cited, for the diversion of 0.99 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.99 of Oduru RF, Kadivedu Beat, Naidupet Range, Tirupati Division, for formation of road from KM 123/4 NH-5 (Patragunta) to Punapavaripalem in Chilkur Mandal, Tirupati District, in favour of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Nellore, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein for the issue of final approval. Subsequently, in the G.O.4th read above, the same was withdrawn, as the powers delegated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi, to the State Government were annulled vide the consolidated guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi, in the letter dated 29.12.2023.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., was sent to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, for issue of necessary approval under the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

4. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, has accorded in-principle approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and has requested to submit the compliance report on the conditions stipulated therein within the prescribed time for final approval.

5. In the letter 7th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., has furnished a compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval, for onward submission to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, for final approval of the above proposal. The same has been forwarded to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, for the grant of final approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, vide letter in the 8th read above.

6. In the letter 9th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, has accorded final approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of 0.99 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.99 of Oduru RF, Kadivedu Beat, Naidupet Range, Tirupati Division, for formation of road from KM 123/4 NH-5 (Patragunta) to Punapavaripalem in Chilkur Mandal, Tirupati District, in favour of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Nellore, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

7. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 0.99 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.99 of Oduru RF, Kadivedu Beat, Naidupet Range, Tirupati Division, for formation of road from KM 123/4 NH-5 (Patragunta) to Punapavaripalem in Chilkur Mandal, Tirupati District, in favour of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Nellore, subject to the following conditions:-

**1.General Conditions:**

| S.No. | Conditions |
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| 1.1 | Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged; |
| 1.2 | The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less; |
| 1.3 | No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work; |
| 1.4 | The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.99 ha; |
| 1.5 | No labour camp shall be established on the forest land; |
| 1.6 | The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas; |
| 1.7 | The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal; |
| 1.8 | The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government; |
| 1.9 | The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government; |
| 1.10 | No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused; |

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| 1.11 | The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted in accordance with the relevant guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC; |
| 1.12 | The concerned Divisional Forest Officer will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area; |
| 1.13 | The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Regional Office by the end of March every year; |
| 1.14 | The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project; |
| 1.15 | Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife; |
| 1.16 | Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant. |

**2.Standard Conditions:**

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| 2.1 | Overburden shall not be dumped outside the width of the road. The muck generated in the earth cuttings will be disposed of at the designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes. |
| 2.2 | The user agency will provide retaining walls, breast walls and drainage as per requirement to make the slope stable. |
| 2.3 | The designing of culverts/bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals |
| 2.4 | The user agency shall arrange to raise strip plantation on either side of the road and central verge at project cost, as per IRC specification, with maintenance of 7-10 years. The user agency shall also submit design of providing at least 2-3 rows of long rotation indigenous trees, as per provision of IRC-SP-21-2009 (Guidelines on landscaping & tree plantation), on either side of the road before final clearance. |

**3. Specific Conditions:**

| S.No. | Conditions |
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| 3.1 | The Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up for planting and maintenance of minimum of 100 saplings at the project cost in the identified location |
| **3.2** | **The User Agency shall provide CA in NFL area for compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest area diverted, if applicable, based on the final outcome in the WP No.1164/2023, which is currently pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The State Forest Department shall ensure that an undertaking from the user agency is obtained in this regard.** |
| **3.3** | **The User Agency has made payment Rs. 9,48,202/- towards NPV and the levies paid by the UA shall be utilized for the same as per the approved plan/scheme.** |

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**G. ANANTHA RAMU**
**SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.

**Copy to**:

1. The Inspector General of Forests,
ROHQ, MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of
Regional Office, Chennai, Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada – 520 010.
3.The Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Engineering Department,
PIU Division, Nellore.
4. SC/SF

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER